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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1123

By Mumpower

A RESOLUTION to recognize James Lefler on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, James Lefler is one such estimable person who has served with probity and integrity for twenty-eight years as the Johnson County Registrar of Deeds; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as the Registrar of Deeds, Mr. Lefler has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to county government; and

WHEREAS, first elected to the office of Registrar of Deeds in 1974, James Lefler shares the distinction of being one of only four Registrars elected in the past seventy-six years, and he is the only Registrar who has served seven consecutive terms; and

WHEREAS, before running for public office, Mr. Lefler spent two years in the United States Air Force, worked as a Payroll Clerk and Office Manager for the Hagan Powell Construction Company, and worked for his Uncle Laymon Cress at the Mountain View Exxon for twenty-four years; and

WHEREAS, James Lefler is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous civic organizations, including the Taylorsville Masonic Lodge #243, the Johnson County Rescue Squad, of which he is now a lifelong member and a member of its Board of Directors, and the American Legion; Mr. Lefler also lends his support to the Johnson County Honor Guard as a Chaplain and the Mountain City Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lefler also contributes his time and numerous talents to the First Baptist Church, to which he has belonged for the past fifty years; and

WHEREAS, James Lefler exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Lefler is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Charlotte; together, they are the proud parents of three children, Dr. Chris Lefler, Vicky Lynn Sitter, and Cynthia Milhorn, and the proud grandparents of three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, James Lefler's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Lefler has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his peers and superiors alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend James Lefler for his dedicated service to the good people of Johnson County as the Registrar of Deeds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to James Lefler our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

